

The amendment to the bill to appoint commissioners on the road from Middle-town, in Frederick county, to the Washington county line in Turner's Gap, and also on the road from Middle-town, in said county, to the Washington county line in Fox's Gap, was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee on insolvent petitioners, to whom was recommitted such part of their former report as related to the petition of Gavin Hamilton Smith, do report thereon, that testimony has been produced to them, accounting for a part of the property conveyed by the said Gavin H. Smith, but that on account of the absence of a material witness, (as the petitioner by his counsel suggests,) they have not fully investigated the subject. They further find, that the said Gavin H. Smith has given due notice of his intended application, and that he is now in the custody of the sheriff, though for a small sum. But considering that the signers of the counter petition, and any other creditors of the said Gavin Hamilton Smith, will, by the law proposed, have a full opportunity of alleging their objections to the chancellor, and of procuring an examination into the conduct of the petitioner, and thereby of preventing him from obtaining any benefit under the act proposed, unless he should appear to be entitled to it, they are of opinion that he ought to be included in the act proposed for the relief of insolvent debtors, and that justice may hereafter be done to all parties, without any further interference or examination by this house. All which is submitted.

By order,

ALLEN B. DUCKETT, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred a letter from his excellency the governor and council, dated November 22, 1793, enclosing a representation from the judges of the court of appeals, report, that they have taken the subject referred to them into consideration, and submit to the honourable house the following resolution :

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that two suits are depending in the high court of appeals between the attorney-general, appellant, and the state of Maryland, appellee, RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby required and authorized to employ some attorney of said court to argue the said causes on behalf of the state, and that they allow to such attorney such compensation for his trouble as they may think adequate, and draw an order for the same on the treasury of the western shore.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The bill for the relief of Anne Dent and Theodore Dent, administrators of Peter Dent, late of Charles county, deceased, was read the second time by especial order, and passed.

Mr. Waggaman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to alter and amend the law in certain cases, and to repeal the ninth and tenth sections of the said act, and for other purposes, (as amended;) which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Dennis and Mr. Duvall, be a committee to prepare instructions directing the senators from this state in the congress of the United States to use their endeavours to have the doors of the senate opened, when sitting in their legislative and judicial capacity.

Mr. Waggaman has leave of absence.

The bill to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, and to establish and regulate a market in said town, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Cornelius West; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On the second reading the bill for the relief of Cornelius West by especial order, the question was put, That the words "by Talbot county" be struck out of the last line in the preamble of the said bill? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Goldsborough, appeared as follow :

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Messrs. Lloyd,	Digges,	Kerr,	Daffin,	Duvall,	Dennis,	
Tilghman,	Cox,	Goldsborough,	Quynn,	Whittington,	Driver.	13.
J. Worthington,						
N E G A T I V E.						
W. Thomas,	J. Thomas,	Hollingsworth,	Seney,	Jarrett,	Crabb,	
Kilgour,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Ward,	Houston,	Montgomery,	Oneale,	
Brogden,	T. Worthington,	Ewing,	Purnell,	Douglafs,	R. Wootton,	
Ridout,	Denwood,	Bowie,	Beatty,	Swearingen,	Bayard,	
Freeland,	Frazier,	T. Wootton,	Jamison,	Van Lear,	Tomlinson,	
M ^r . Pherson,	Waggaman,	O'Bryon,	J. Bond,	Hughes,	Simkins.	39.
Hawkins,	Gordon,	Barnes,				

So it was determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the blank in the said bill be filled up with £. 480 current money? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Goldsborough, appeared as follow :

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